

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as amended is respectfully requested.

This Amendment addresses the outstanding issues from the Office Action dated June 21, 2006.

By this Amendment, Claim 58 has been amended for clarity of expression and to more particularly recite certain distinctive features of Applicants' invention, as discussed in detail below. New Claims 68-87 have been added. Claims 39-46 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer solely to avoid additional claim fees in connection with the presentation of Claims 68-87. Claims 1-38 and 47-57 were previously cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Thus, Claims 58-87 are pending for further consideration.

In the Office Action, Claims 58-60, 62, 64 and 66 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) over Li, and Claims 61, 63, 65 and 67 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Li in combination with Narushima, Jung, or Long.

Without acceding to the rejections, Claim 58 has been amended to more particularly recite certain distinctive features of Applicants' invention. In particular, Claim 58 now recites, *inter alia*, wherein there is no exposure of the plurality of terminals and terminal leads at outer edges of

the sealing member. It is apparent that the applied prior art does not teach or suggest this feature.

For example, Li teaches that the lower surface of the lead frame and the backside surface of the die are exposed through the plastic body. See Li, Abstract; col. 3, lines 27-34; Fig. 12. In particular, Li clearly shows in Fig. 12 that his leads (222) are exposed at outer edges of the plastic package body (240). Therefore, Li does not teach or suggest a method of manufacturing wherein there is no exposure of the plurality of terminals and terminal leads at outer edges of the sealing member as recited in Claim 58.

None of the secondary references remedy this deficiency of Li. Therefore, Applicants' respectfully submit that Claim 58 patentably distinguishes over the applied prior art.

New Claims 68-87 have been added to provide more comprehensive protection for Applicants' invention. New independent Claim 68 recites, *inter alia*, no exposure of the plurality of terminals and terminal leads at side edges of the sealing member. New independent Claim 78 recites, *inter alia*, that the plurality of terminals and terminal leads are exposed from only a bottom surface of the sealing member. The applied prior art does not teach or suggest these features.

Accordingly, a prompt Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

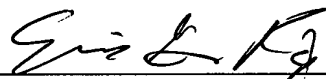
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